

Vernon Area Public Library

FALL 2018

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Library classes, performances, and events are free and open to all unless otherwise indicated.

An ASL interpreter is available for any library program; please give us advance notice to arrange.

Photos and videos may be taken during programs. If you do not wish for you or your child to be photographed, please notify staff.

Find Library Materials

Find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout or download at search.vapld.info. Log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to place materials on hold.

Access Your Account

Renew, check the status of items on hold, build wish lists. Use your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to log in at vapld.info/account, or through the Vernon Library app found in your device's app store, or call 847-634-3650.



Get a Library Card

At the Checkout Desk: Residents, bring a photo ID showing your current address; property owners, business owners, and temporary residents, see vapld.info for ID requirements. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

Online: Visit vapld.info/library-cards and fill out a short form. A temporary card number will be emailed to you within 2 business days and you may begin using it right away. Stop at the Checkout Desk within 30 days to pick up your card.



Get the App

Use the Vernon Area Public Library app to store your library card, manage your account, search the catalog, place holds, access premium resources, check events, and download media for on-the-go enjoyment. Visit the app store on your device to download or go to vernon.boopsie.com



Book a Study Room

The library's study rooms accommodate four to six people. Reserve a room for up to two hours by calling the day before: 224-543-1485 (adult) or 224-543-1486 (youth). Study room reservations are limited to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only.



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Book geniuses, at your service

Looking for something new to read? Tap into your librarians' reading expertise.

- Browse the Staff Picks shelves near the public computers
- Receive personal book recommendations: fill out a brief form at vapl.d.info/recommendations
- Get book and author news from the library: sign up for these occasional emails at vapl.d.info/subscribe

Welcome, new residents!

If you recently moved to the area or would like to get reacquainted with community services, you're invited to a free reception on Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 PM. Meet your friendly library staff, connect with local government services, go on a tour of the library, meet neighbors, enjoy refreshments, and sign up for your library card. Planning to attend? RSVP at calendar.vapl.d.info or call 224-543-1485.

LIBRARY NEWS



Tech to go

Check out a variety of handy devices with your Vernon Area Public Library card. Borrow a telescope, e-readers loaded with popular books, plus new items including Rokus, GoPros, and hard drive duplicators. Look for the lobby display.

- e-readers:** Kindles and Nooks preloaded with hot bestsellers, mysteries & thrillers, romance novels, nonfiction, teen titles, works by local authors, and LGBTQ favorites
- Orion StarBlast telescopes:** view the beauty and wonders of the night sky from your own backyard
- Rokus**—new! Stream movies and television programs including Netflix and HBO
- GoPro cameras & accessories**—new! Borrow a tiny strap-on-and-go camera to shoot photos and videos of your next adventure
- StarTech Duplicator Dock**—new! Securely erase or duplicate your computer hard drive.

Get access, get a library card

Every September, during National Library Card Signup Month, there's an extra incentive to get your library card: receive a sturdy tote bag when you pick up your new card. Your Vernon Area Public Library card gives you open access to books, movies, music, and magazines on the shelves and on a variety of free apps; technology like telescopes and e-readers; and premium online resources like Tutor.com, PressReader, and Mango Languages. Apply today at the Checkout Desk or at vapl.info/library-cards.

Library assesses its facilities

As the main library building nears its 25th anniversary, library administrators are looking to the next 25 years and beyond to maximize library benefits for everyone.

This summer an independent contractor analyzed library operations to identify physical changes that would streamline operations, improve service, increase efficiency, or reduce costs. The results are now being compiled into an assessment to help guide decisions about the main building, annex, parking lots, grounds, and major systems.

Your input will be needed, too. Watch for an announcement about public focus groups later this fall or sign up at vapl.info/subscribe (select "Adults" from the menu) to get library news and receive an invitation in your email inbox.



Stay up to date

The library sends out occasional emails highlighting services, collections, and events by interest area. Select what's relevant to you at vapl.info/subscribe. We promise not to overwhelm your inbox!



Storytimes

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED for storytimes. Tickets are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis the day of the program. Attendance is limited to children within the posted age range; siblings are welcome. Questions? Contact the Youth Desk at 224-543-1486 or youthdesk@vapld.info.

Baby Rhyme Storytime—*new name & day!*

0–14 months with an adult

Miss Kelsey guides you and your baby through research-based activities and books that promote reading readiness. Time is included for baby play and socializing with other caregivers.

TICKET REQUIRED

WEDNESDAYS • 9:30–10 AM OR 11–11:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 5, 19, 26, OCTOBER 3, 10, 24, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 28

New Parents & Babies Playgroup

0–14 months with an adult

Meet other caregivers in this casual playdate that takes place between Baby Rhyme Storytimes. Swap stories and find support while tots play and socialize. **DROP IN**

WEDNESDAYS • 10–11 AM

SEPTEMBER 5, 19, 26, OCTOBER 3, 10, 24,

NOVEMBER 7, 14, 28

Wiggling Ones—*new name & day!*

12–24 months with an adult

Giggle, sing, and jam along with your toddler in this music- and movement-centered program led by Miss Heather.

Be prepared to move! **TICKET REQUIRED**

TUESDAYS • 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, 25, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20

Together 2s & 3s—*new name & day!*

2–3 years with an adult

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities and books centered on a letter of the day help your child develop letter recognition. **TICKET REQUIRED**

MONDAYS • 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM

SEPTEMBER 10, 17, 24, OCTOBER 8, 15, 22, NOVEMBER 5, 19, 26

Preschool Storytime

3–5 years without an adult

Children attend this storytime independently to help them get ready for school while the accompanying adult remains in the library. Adults join their children and Miss Emily at the end to sing the song of the day. **TICKET REQUIRED**

THURSDAYS • 10–10:30 AM OR 1:30–2 PM

SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15

Under Five Family Time

0–5 years with an adult

Recover from the busy week with stories, rhymes, music, and themed crafts perfect for the pre-K crowd. **TICKET REQUIRED**

SATURDAYS • 10:30–11:15 AM

SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 6, NOVEMBER 24

Tuck-Me-In Tales

0–6 years with an adult

Dress in pajamas, snuggle with your stuffy, and wind down from the day with books, songs, and rhymes. **TICKET REQUIRED**

TUESDAYS • 6:30–7 PM

SEPTEMBER 11, OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 13

EARLY LEARNING • AGES 0–PRE-K

A Taste of Storytime

0–5 years with an adult

The whole family is invited to this sampler of the library's weekday storytimes, plus coffee and donuts. Learn how early learning activities set the stage for your child's success. Meet other families and your library's early learning experts.

TICKET REQUIRED

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 20, NOVEMBER 17
10–10:30 AM

Let's Learn Spanish!

0–6 years with an adult

¡Bienvenidos a nuestro tiempo de cuentos! Celebrate the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries in this storytime full of books, music, and movement. REGISTER

FRIDAYS, OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 30
10–10:30 AM

Enrichment

To REGISTER, visit calendar.vapl.d.info, call 224-543-1486, or visit any public service desk in the library.
Registration opens 30 days before each program.

Science Detectives

3–6 years with an adult

This literature-inspired class encourages children to discover the world around them through hands-on science activities. REGISTER for each date separately.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, OCTOBER 3
1:30–2 PM OR 6:30–7 PM

Kindergarten Readiness

4–5 years with an adult

Help your child get ready for kindergarten by practicing fine motor and writing skills. REGISTER for each date separately.

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 27, NOVEMBER 29
4:30–5 PM

Mini Math Magicians

3–5 years with an adult

The fun really adds up in this crafty program. Explore math concepts through books, games, and a craft. REGISTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 11–11:30 AM

Tea with a T-Rex

3–5 years with an adult

Enjoy TEA-rex time with your favorite cretaceous dinosaur, back from extinction for this event only! Refreshments served.

REGISTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10–10:45 AM OR 1:30–2:15 PM

Trick-or-Reading

0–3 years with an adult

Bring your tiny tot in costume for a boo-tastic storytime followed by a trick-or-treating parade in the library. REGISTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 10:30–11:15 AM



TRICK-OR-READING – OCTOBER 29



LITTLEBITS – SEPTEMBER 12

Improv Playhouse presents "Chicken Little"
all ages with an adult

The sky is falling in this hilarious new take on the classic folktale. Improv Playhouse Theater for Young Audiences recreates the story of how Chicken Little and friends save their town from disaster while learning the value of raising their voices when nobody is sure what to believe. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 11 AM–12 PM

littleBits
grades 3–5

Coding is a snap with these magnetic color-coded circuits. Explore STEM concepts like input and output in a creative way with fellow tech enthusiasts. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 4:30–5:30 PM

DIY Terrarium in a Jar
grades K–5

Young scientists learn about the water cycle and ecosystems as they create their own terrarium. This hands-on program stimulates curiosity about the natural world.

REGISTER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: 7–7:45 PM

My First Robot
grades K–2 with an adult

Kids learn programming concepts like sequencing while using building blocks and sensor modules to make KIBO robots light up, make noise, and move. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 4:30–5:15 PM OR 6:30–7:15 PM

Science Sleuths
grades 3–4

Stories, films, and hands-on activities for the budding scientist. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19, OCTOBER 17, NOVEMBER 7
4:30–5:30 PM**Family Concert: Future Hits**
all ages with an adult

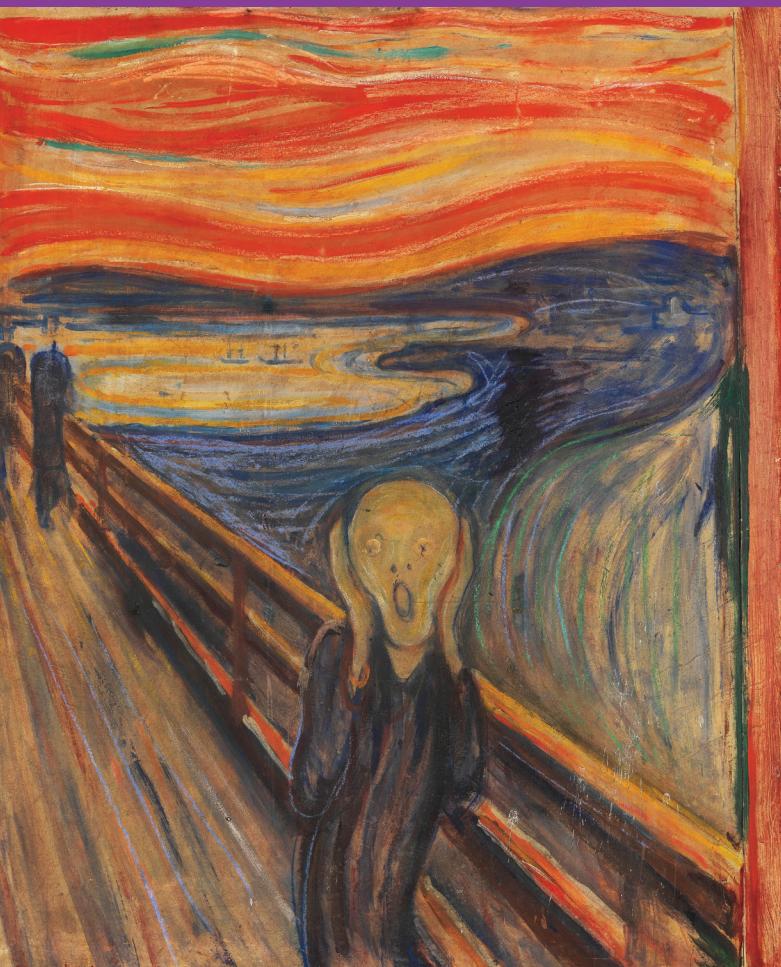
Stevenson alum Matt Baron and his rock band Future Hits play songs that make your brain sweat. Their performances are fun-filled and (secretly) educational. The musicians describe their style as a mix of Yo La Tengo and the Velvet Underground for kids, or Death Cab for Kindergarten.

REGISTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 11 AM–12 PM

To **REGISTER**, go to calendar.vapl.info, call 224-543-1486, or visit any public service desk in the library.
Registration opens 30 days before each program.

KIDS • GRADES K–5



EXPLORING GREAT ARTISTS – OCTOBER 8

Tinkercad Workshop

grades 5–8

Learn to create an object for 3D printing with Tinkercad in this hands-on workshop. Presented in partnership with Stevenson High School's Girls in STEAM. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6–8 PM

Science Investigators

grades 1–2

Stories, films, and hands-on activities for the budding scientist. [REGISTER](#) for each date separately.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 10, NOVEMBER 14
4:30–5:15 PM

Lock Decoders

grades 3–5

If you like escape rooms or you're a fan of Breakout EDU, here's a chance to test your skills. Solve puzzles, answer riddles, and decode ciphers to see how many locks you can open. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 4:30–5:30 PM

Chinese Calligraphy & Culture

grades K–5 with an adult

Explore Chinese culture through the beauty of calligraphy. Try your hand at this ancient art while listening to traditional stories. Presented in partnership with Stevenson High School's National Chinese Honor Society. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6–7:30 PM

Exploring Great Artists

grades K–5

Learn about the life, work, and style of Norwegian painter Edvard Munch, whose famous painting *The Scream* is known around the world. Then create your own Munch-inspired work of art. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: 7–7:45 PM

Write Away

grades 3–5

Stretch your imagination and work on your writing skills in this creative workshop. Games and story starters launch your writing to new heights. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 4:30–5:30 PM

Family Concert: Cielito Lindo

all ages with an adult

This modern mariachi-style band, made up of the talented young members of the Lucero family, performs the traditional music of Mexico with a fresh new style, mixing in favorite pop songs along the way. *Cielito Lindo* ("beautiful heaven") is making a name for itself on the Chicago music scene. Don't miss this emerging folk ensemble. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 11 AM–12 PM

To [REGISTER](#), go to calendar.vapl.info, call 224-543-1486, or visit any public service desk in the library.
Registration opens 30 days before each program.

Lego Robotics grades K–5

Build and program interactive models using the Lego Education WeDo software in this hands-on program.

REGISTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: 7–8 PM

Painting Fall Leaves grades K–2

Listen to a seasonal story and learn how to draw, paint, and cut common leaf shapes with artist and teacher Christine Thornton to create an autumn decoration. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4:30–5:30 PM



Tangled Fall Leaf Doodles grades 3–5

Create a design inspired by autumn leaves and Zentangles. Artist and teacher Christine Thornton gives tips for using colored pencils to create dynamic drawings. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:30–8 PM



Kids' Nonfiction Book Discussion grades 3–5 with an adult

Read and discuss *What Was the Titanic?* by Stephanie Sabol. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you **REGISTER**.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7–8 PM



FAMILY CONCERTS
FUTURE HITS – SEPTEMBER 22
CIELITO LINDO – OCTOBER 13
ANIMAL FARM – NOVEMBER 3

KIDS • GRADES K–5

Family Concert: Animal Farm all ages with an adult

Get dancing! This band of musician-educators performs original songs and sketches about community, self-expression, and growing up. Adults enjoy Animal Farm's smart, perceptive lyrics; kids relate to the challenges faced by a hilarious cast of characters; and everyone loves the upbeat music. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 11 AM–12 PM

Let's Travel to Japan! grades K–5 with an adult

Learn about Japan and its people through folktales, a craft, and other activities. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 4:30–5:30 PM

Animal Quest grades K & up with an adult

Find out about furry, scaly crawlers with husband-and-wife team Steve and Jessica Reedy, who are on a mission to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for our planet's creatures. Meet a hedgehog, tortoise, and other animal friends that live on the Reedys' five-acre property. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7–8 PM

Lego Architects grades K–5

Work through a challenge, then let your imagination run wild during free building time. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1–2 PM OR 4–5 PM

Learn to Play Chess grades K–5

Learn the basics about the pieces, moves, terminology, and rules of this classic game of strategy. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 4:30–5:30 PM

Chess Strategies & Tactics grades 3–8

Learn chess strategies and tactics to improve your game and practice using them against an opponent. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 7–8 PM

CHESS STRATEGIES & TACTICS – NOVEMBER 27



TEENS • GRADES 6–12

littleBits

grades 6–8

Coding is a snap with these magnetic color-coded circuits. Explore STEM concepts with fellow tech enthusiasts.

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7–8 PM

ACT or SAT Practice Exam

grades 8 & up

Prepare for test day by taking a free practice exam, including a detailed score analysis. Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center of Buffalo Grove. Specify ACT or SAT when you REGISTER.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 OR OCTOBER 13, 10 AM–1:30 PM
LIBRARY ANNEX

Games for Grown-ups

adults & high school students

Intense strategy games, raucous party games, lively family games...play them all! Chess lovers, get tips from an instructor. All skill levels. DROP IN any time during hours.

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 7, 21, NOVEMBER 18
12:30–4 PM

Off the Page: A Teen Book Club

grades 8–12

Add your voice to the banter in a discussion of the month's book and help choose the next title, all while enjoying frozen yogurt—the library's treat. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

MONDAYS, 7–8:15 PM

SEPTEMBER 17: FLAME IN THE MIST BY RENEE AH DIEH
NOVEMBER 26: ALL THE CROOKED SAINTS
BY MAGGIE STIEFVATER
MENCHIE'S, 950-B MILWAUKEE AVE., LINCOLNSHIRE

Tinkercad Workshop

grades 5–8

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REGISTER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6–8 PM

Lock Decoders

grades 6–8

Test your escape skills: Solve puzzles, answer riddles, and decode ciphers to see how many locks you can open.

REGISTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7–8 PM

Write Away

grades 6–8

Stretch your imagination and work on your writing skills in this creative workshop. REGISTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7–8 PM

Junior High Book Discussion

grades 6–8

Read and discuss *The Blackthorn Key* by Kevin Sands. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7–8 PM

The Anime Zone

grades 6–8

Watch anime, read manga, make crafts, play games, and connect with other anime and manga fans. REGISTER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7–8 PM

Lego Master Builders

grades 6–8

Work through a challenge and then let your imagination run wild during free building time. REGISTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7–8 PM

Chess Strategies & Tactics

grades 6–8

Learn chess strategies and tactics to improve your game and practice using them against an opponent. REGISTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 7–8 PM

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Registration opens 30 days before each program.

MINI COMIC CON

VERNON AREA LIBRARY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
10AM-4PM



You're invited to this free, all-ages, full-day celebration of fandoms of every flavor. Whether it's a beloved book series, comic, movie, or game you can't get enough of—all pop culture obsessions are welcome and costumes are encouraged!

Drop-in events

- Artist Alley—Meet makers. Buy cool stuff (optional).
- Cosplay Photo Op Station
- Fandom-Themed Crafts
- Superfan Photo Booth
- STEAM Stations—Tinker with robots and gadgets!
- Gaming Lounge—Board games and video games. Sponsored by Gamers HQ.
- Real-life Superheroes—Meet members of local fire and police departments and take a look inside emergency response vehicles.

Extra-special ticketed events

New for 2018: join in these experiences by picking up your free ticket beginning 1 hour before the program starts. Find times and details at minicomiccon.vapld.info

- Superhero Drawing Workshop (all ages)
- Superhero Storytime (ages 0–5)
- Manga/Anime Drawing Workshop (all ages)
- Superhero & Jedi Training Academy (grades K–3 with an adult)

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!
[MINICOMICCON.VAPLD.INFO](http://minicomiccon.vapld.info)**

Movie—*The Leisure Seeker* (R, CC)

Starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland.
Shown with closed captions. Popcorn served. **REGISTER**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2–4 PM

ELL Conversation Group

Practice English conversation skills with other non-native English speakers. Guided discussion covers a variety of topics including American culture and idioms. **REGISTER**

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11, 25, OCTOBER 9, 23, NOVEMBER 6, 20
9:30–11:30 AM

Lunch & Learn—*Frankenstein Turns 200*

On the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's classic horror novel, scholar John Nygro explores the book's cultural impact. Bring your lunch starting at noon; we'll provide coffee, dessert, and a great lecture. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 12:30–1:30 PM

Writer's Support Group

Share work, meet fellow writers, get constructive feedback, and discuss the publishing business. All writers welcome. RSVPs appreciated at meetup.com/writers-support-group-Lincolnshire

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12, OCTOBER 10, NOVEMBER 14
6:30–8:45 PM

Book Discussion with Judy Levin

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline. Illuminating the life behind Andrew Wyeth's iconic painting *Christina's World*, this story explores the burdens and blessings of family history. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders beginning August 9. Ask at the Adult Desk. **REGISTRATION** is recommended.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 10–11:30 AM



TEDxVernonAreaLibrary – SEPTEMBER 30

Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap

If you're in your 20s or 30s and thirsting for intelligent conversation with excellent people, meet at the Chatterbox for a book discussion over adult beverages and delicious food. Ages 21–39 only, please. Details and **REGISTRATION** on Meetup: bit.ly/tt-bot

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 18, NOVEMBER 15
6–8:30 PM
THE CHATTERBOX, 330 OLD MCHENRY RD., LONG GROVE

**Games for Grown-ups
adults & high school students**

Intense strategy games, raucous party games, lively family games...play them all! Chess lovers, get tips from an instructor. All skill levels. **DROP IN** any time during hours.

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 7, 21, NOVEMBER 18
12:30–4 PM

Jefferson & Adams: A Stage Play

Experience the turbulent 52-year friendship of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Abigail Adams. Based on the letters between these prolific founding fathers and an equally astute spouse. Presented by professional players from The Shakespeare Project of Chicago. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 6:30–8:30 PM

ADULTS • AGES 18 & UP

Movie—*Ready Player One* (PG-13, CC)

Sci-fi adventure based on the dystopian Ernest Cline novel and directed by Steven Spielberg. Shown with closed captions. Popcorn served. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2–4:30 PM

Parent Education—Bringing Mindfulness into Parenting

Learn what it means to be mindful and how practicing mindfulness can boost the quality of attention you give your child, increase the resilience you model, and allow you to respond to parenting challenges with wisdom and kindness. Led by Ramaa Krishnan, founder of Full Bloomed Lotus, a meditation and self-awareness studio in Wilmette. Co-sponsored by District 103 PTO. **REGISTER** through Eventbrite.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9:30–11 AM • LIBRARY ANNEX

Senior Series—ShawChicago presents *Look Away*

On June 14, 1875, Mary Todd Lincoln spends her last night at the Bellevue Hospital for Insane Persons in Batavia, Illinois, and imagines herself in the White House with her dressmaker, a former slave, and her best friend. Performed by professional actors from ShawChicago Theater Company. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1–2 PM

Novel Night Book Discussion

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. A socially awkward loner teams up with a bumbling IT guy to assist an elderly accident victim. Copies available for extended checkout; ask at the Adult Desk. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7–8 PM

TEDxVernonAreaLibrary: Chain Reaction

The library's annual TEDx event features live speakers from our community addressing topics important here and now, plus a relevant selection of prerecorded TED videos: short, powerful talks from inspiring speakers from around the world. Join other TED enthusiasts for a fascinating afternoon of ideas worth spreading. Details at tedx.vapl.info **REGISTER**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 12:30–3 PM



NEW RESIDENT RECEPTION – OCTOBER 18

Medicare: Prepare for Open Enrollment

Health advocate Gayle Byck clearly explains Medicare options, questions to ask an insurance broker, and how to get the most out of your coverage. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1–2 PM

Understanding the Upcoming Election

Representatives from the League of Women Voters and retired Judge Wallace Dunn walk through a sample ballot, explaining candidates and their positions. Whether you're a first-time voter or want to be more informed, this program gets you ready for Election Day. Voter registration available at the event. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7–8 PM

Movie—*A Quiet Place* (PG-13, CC)

A post-apocalyptic thriller starring Emily Blunt and John Krasinski. Shown with closed captions. Popcorn served.

REGISTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2–3:30 PM

Drawing & Watercolors Workshop

Discover the joy of drawing with pencil and enhancing your work with watercolors, guided by art instructor Sue Smith. No experience necessary. All supplies provided. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 7–8:30 PM

To REGISTER, go to calendar.vapl.info, call 224-543-1485, or visit any public service desk in the library.

Book Discussion with Judy Levin

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid. A visionary love story that imagines the forces that drive ordinary people from their homes into the uncertain embrace of new lands. Copies are available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders beginning September 13. Ask at the Adult Desk.

REGISTRATION is recommended.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 10–11:30 AM

Feel the Rhythm: Salsa Music & Dance

Professional dancers from Latin Street Music and Dancing demonstrate Salsa, a dance style rooted in music from the Caribbean and Latin America. After a simple lesson from the instructors, try some Salsa moves of your own. **REGISTER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1–2 PM

Must-Read Nonfiction Book Discussion

From Here to Eternity: Traveling the World to Find the Good Death by Caitlin Doughty. Expand your sense of what it means to treat the dead with dignity. This immersive global journey introduces compelling rituals almost entirely unknown in America. Copies available at the Adult Desk. **REGISTRATION** is recommended at meetup.com/Must-read-Nonfiction

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7–8 PM

Senior Series—Musical Tour of Ireland

Take a musical journey through Ireland, from Belfast to Dublin, with Ireland native and musician Ian Gould. He performs songs and provides a travelogue from various stops along the way. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1–2 PM

Coffee with a Cop

Lincolnshire police officer Bethany Brown gives tips for avoiding scams and ruse burglaries. Bring your questions and get to know local law enforcement. **DROP IN**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2–2:30 PM

New Resident Reception

Hear from village and library staff, get a tour of the library, and sign up for your library card. For newcomers and anyone wishing to become more familiar with local government services. Refreshments served. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:30–8 PM

Passport Acceptance Day

Renew or apply for a passport. The Lake County Circuit Clerk's passport acceptance team is at Vernon Area Library to process passport applications, including photos. First-come, first-served; no appointment required.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 AM–1:30 PM

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*

Part romance, part tragedy, this Shakespearean play chronicles the trials of a virtuous man and poses the question of how much misfortune one person can endure. The professional players of The Shakespeare Project of Chicago provide a full, live theatrical reading. Get the complete experience by attending the pre-show introduction at 6:15 PM. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:30–9 PM

Author Visit—Ronald Balson, *The Girl from Berlin*

Hear from international bestselling author and local resident Ronald Balson on his latest novel, about a property dispute in Tuscany that uncovers long-buried family secrets. Books available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the Book Bin of Northbrook. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 7–8 PM



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Movie—*Hocus Pocus* (PG, CC)

A modern Halloween classic with Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy. Shown with closed captions.

Popcorn served. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2–3:45 PM

Lunch & Learn—

The Untold Story of Chicago River Bridges

Author and historian Patrick McBriarty tells the stories of the floods, fire, politics, and innovations that produced the marvels that span the Chicago River. Bring your lunch starting at noon; we'll provide coffee, dessert, and a great lecture.

REGISTER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 12:30–1:30 PM

Movie—*Black Panther* (PG-13, CC)

Acclaimed Marvel superhero movie stars Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, and Lupita Nyong'o. Shown with closed captions. Popcorn served. **REGISTER**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2–4:15 PM

Senior Series—WWII Radio Hour

A multi-talented trio reenacts a 1940s radio hour, complete with popular songs like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," Andrews Sisters-style choreography, Abbott and Costello comedy sketches, and a tribute to veterans of the U.S. armed forces. Co-sponsored by Buffalo Grove Park District. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1–2 PM

Theater Critic Chris Jones:

The Fascination with Andrew Lloyd Webber

The Chicago Tribune's Chris Jones discusses the extraordinary career of composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose popular musicals include *Cats*, *Evita*, and *Sunset Boulevard*. This program complements Citadel Theater's upcoming production of Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7–8 PM

Book Discussion with Judy Levin

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan. After a young woman's father disappears, she provides for her family by working at the Brooklyn Naval Yard and tries to understand the complexities of her father's life. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders beginning October 11. Ask at the Adult Desk. **REGISTRATION** is recommended.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 10–11:30 AM

Lunch & Learn—Winston Churchill, A Life Well-Lived

Learn about the remarkable life of one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th century with Daniel Myers, former executive director of The Churchill Centre. Bring your lunch starting at noon; we'll provide coffee, dessert, and a great lecture. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 12:30–1:30 PM

Snacks & Facts Trivia Night

ages 21+

Test your knowledge of world trivia with a fun-filled quiz night. Sign up individually or in teams up to four people. Refreshments served; prizes awarded. Note new location: the library's Meeting Room. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7–8:30 PM

Movie—*RBG* (PG, CC)

An acclaimed documentary exploring the life and work of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Shown with closed captions. Popcorn served. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2–3:45 PM

Novel Night Book Discussion

The Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman. Unable to forget the daughter she was forced to give up 17 years earlier, a woman is reunited with a man who helps her find her way ahead. Copies available for extended checkout; ask at the Adult Desk. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 7–8 PM



Business Hub

Biz Hub Networking

Mix and mingle with like-minded professionals and learn about library resources to help boost your business. Refreshments served. [REGISTER](#) for each event.

Meet ReferenceUSA

Find out about this powerful tool for direct marketing. This online resource is available in-library to all and to Vernon Area Library cardholders wherever you are.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30–8 PM

Meet Mergent Intellect

A thorough collection of worldwide business information powered by Dun & Bradstreet and Hoover's, this online resource is available in-library to all and to Vernon Area Library cardholders wherever you are.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 6:30–8 PM

SCORE One-on-One Business Mentoring

Get free expert advice to launch or grow your business: The library is a branch of SCORE Chicago, giving local business people an opportunity to meet with mentors. Make your 1-hour appointment at vapld.info/score

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 11, NOVEMBER 8
9 AM–12 PM

Facebook for Business: Page Tune-Up

How do you keep your business Facebook page fresh and relevant? Melissa Haak, creator and publisher of Little Lake County and Little McHenry County websites and Facebook pages, walks you through Facebook best practices: what and when to post, how to make your page stand out in a sea of other businesses, and tools for creating and automating content. Bring your laptop or borrow one here. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30–7:30 PM

Etsy for Your Small Business

Learn about Etsy, a simple and effective e-commerce tool perfect for hobbyists and small business owners. Find out what it takes to open your Etsy shop and how to make it successful. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7–8 PM

To [REGISTER](#), go to calendar.vapld.info, call 224-543-1485, or visit any public service desk in the library.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY • AGES 18 & UP

Microsoft Applications

All classes are taught using Office 2016.

Word Basics

Learn to create, save, and format documents. Prerequisites: mouse and keyboard experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7–8:30 PM

Windows 10

Find out how to navigate the desktop, start menu, Cortana virtual assistant, and Edge web browser. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Basics

Everything you need to know to begin creating and using spreadsheets. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7–8:30 PM

Word Document Formatting

Learn to create a variety of documents in this intermediate class. Prerequisite: Word Basics. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Formulas and Functions

Learn to use formulas and logical functions to answer questions. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7–8:30 PM

Word: Working with Objects

Investigate clip art, picture and text formatting, charts, and other handy tools. Prerequisite: Word Basics.

[REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Tables

Learn to create tables, sort and filter data, and work with large spreadsheets. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7–8:30 PM

Word: Advanced Tools

Get command of mail merge, collaboration tools, and style options. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 7–8:30 PM

Excel VLOOKUP

Demystify Excel's VLOOKUP function to compare two lists. Prerequisites: Excel Tables or commensurate experience.

[REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7–8:30 PM

OR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7–8:30 PM

Intermediate Windows 10

Learn to create a desktop icon, adjust settings, install/uninstall programs, and get helpful tips. Prerequisite: Windows Basics. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Pivot Tables

Use the pivot table to organize large amounts of data to obtain a report. Prerequisites: Excel Tables or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7–8:30 PM OR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to PowerPoint

Learn techniques for creating engaging slideshow presentations. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7–8:30 PM

Intermediate PowerPoint

Add animations, transitions, and multimedia to your PowerPoint presentation. Prerequisite: Intro to PowerPoint. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7–8:30 PM

Recording PowerPoint Slideshows

Capture your PowerPoint slideshows for posting on YouTube. Video compression is covered. Prerequisites: Intermediate PowerPoint. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7–8:30 PM



Enjoy a cup of coffee and instruction followed by hands-on practice with the help of a technology volunteer. The pace is relaxed, with plenty of time for your technology questions.

Crafting with Silhouette Cameo

Learn about the Silhouette Cameo, a programmable cutting machine. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 11 AM–12:30 PM

Virtual Reality

Explore real and simulated environments. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 11 AM–12:30 PM

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Registration opens 30 days before each program.

Multimedia

Library Media Lab: Digitize Your Photos & Videos

Convert VHS, DVDs, photos, slides, and negatives to digital formats for preservation. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 10–11:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 10–11:30 AM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7–8:30 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 11 AM–12:30 PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to 3D Printing

Learn to create a small object using ready-to-print files or custom Tinkercad files. Prerequisites: basic computer skills and a Vernon Area Public Library card.

REGISTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7–8:30 PM

Silhouette Cameo

Create seasonal crafts with the Cameo programmable cutting machine.

REGISTER

MONDAYS, 7–8:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 17: TEAM & TOWN SPIRIT
OCTOBER 22: HALLOWEEN
NOVEMBER 26: HOLIDAY CARDS

Special Topics

Nerds with Beer Ages 21–39

Part philosophy, part tech talk, this monthly meet-up for 20- and 30-somethings is loosely centered on tech and its role in our lives. RSVP: meetup.com/Nerds-with-Beer

TUESDAYS, 7–8:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 4: TECHNO TRASH
OCTOBER 2: SLENDER MAN SAYS
NOVEMBER 6: CODING INTERACTIVE ART
HALF DAY BREWING, 200 VILLAGE GREEN,
LINCOLNSHIRE

Mac Basics

Learn to navigate menus, use keyboard shortcuts, and get to know Mac software.

REGISTER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 7–8:30 PM

Photoshop Elements

Use photo-editing software to correct exposure problems and make photos pop. Two-part class. **REGISTER**

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 11 & 18, 7–8:30 PM

Apple Help

Bring your MacBook, iPhone, or iPad (no iMacs, please!) and get answers to your questions. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7–8:30 PM

Etsy for Your Small Business

Learn about Etsy, a simple and effective e-commerce tool perfect for hobbyists and small business owners. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7–8 PM

Tech questions? Get answers here.

One-on-One Help

Book a 45-minute appointment with a librarian to get personal technology help—with the library's website, catalog, or premium resources; downloading e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, or music; computer software; or the Media Lab. A reservation and current Vernon Area Public Library card are required. To request an appointment (up to 2 per month), call 224-543-1485 or fill out the form at vapl.info/devicehelp

Tech Wednesday

No reservation required; just **DROP IN** with your tech questions and device setup needs. Stop in at the Adult Desk.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19, NOVEMBER 21, 11 AM–12 PM

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⌚ Hours

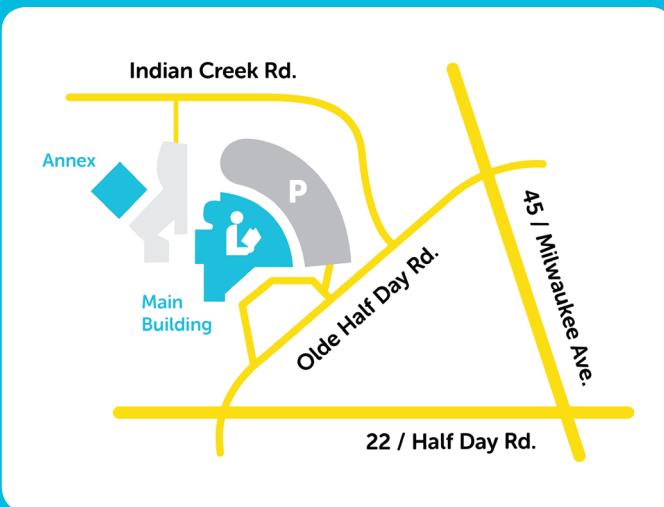
Monday–Thursday	9 AM–9 PM
Friday & Saturday	9 AM–5 PM
Sunday	12–5 PM

📅 Closings

September 2–3	Labor Day
September 14	Opening at 1 PM
November 21	Closing at 5 PM
November 22	Thanksgiving

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